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## NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

# Millich present for signing of antiviolence bill

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Diane Millich joined other Native women and tribal leaders on Thursday, March 7 to celebrate with President Obama the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

Millich opened the event and introduced Vice President Joe Biden, sharing her story, which has attracted national media attention recently— including recent articles in The Seattle Times and The New York Times. She was a victim of domestic violence whose husband could not be prosecuted under a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision that said tribal courts did not have jurisdiction over non-Natives committing crimes on tribal land.

Provisions carried as part of the reauthorization will prevent that from happening to another woman: The act grants tribal courts the missing authority.

“Indian Country has some of the highest rates of domestic abuse in America. And one of the reasons is that when Native American women are abused on tribal lands by an attacker who is not Native American, the attacker is immune from prosecution by tribal courts. Well, as soon as I sign this bill that ends,” Obama said, mo-



courtesy National Congress of American Indians

Southern Ute tribal member Diane Millich greets President Obama before he signs the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization.

ments before signing the bill. “Tribal governments have an inherent right to protect their people, and all women deserve the right to live free from fear.”

“It was really amazing,” Millich said during a meeting with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, March 12. “[I am honored to] speak for those who have been silenced, those that are still scared.”

To honor her work, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. read aloud a letter of appreciation and gave Millich a Pendleton blanket.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Diane Millich — along with her mother, Arlene Millich (left), and sister, Dedra White (right) — with the formal letter of appreciation and Pendleton Blanket given by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in honor of her work.

## LOCAL EDUCATION

# The future of Ignacio schools



courtesy Ignacio School District

A rendering of the new Ignacio Elementary School.

By Christopher R. Rizzo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The community of Ignacio has joined forces with state, local and tribal governments to address the educational needs of Ignacio School District 11-JT.

The district will restructure its schools from four facilities to three over the next three years in a process totaling nearly \$50 million. The Ignacio Intermediate and Junior High schools will merge into the Ignacio Middle School, to be located across County Road 320 from the current IIS building. That project is slated for completion in August and will receive its first class of students this fall.

The IIS building, in turn, will undergo renovations and become the new home of the Ignacio Elementary School.

Officials hope to wrap up construction in December, with the first students passing through the doors in January 2014.

The Ignacio High School will stay put, but will receive an expansion — including parts of the current Junior High — and new facilities, including an auditorium and sports complex. The six-lane running track will grow by two lanes. Completion on that project is scheduled for fall 2015.

The decision to make such significant changes has the school district hopeful that families will return to Ignacio.

“Have you walked through our schools?” said Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto, adding that current facilities have water damage, mechanical problems and limited prospects for adding new technology.

The physical condition of  
**Ignacio schools page 5**

# Consultants offer first report of tribal health assessment

*Tribal-member surveys report desire for better doctors, more accessibility*

By Beth Santistevan  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

The road toward better health care for the Southern Ute Tribe was presented to the membership on Tuesday, March 19 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Events Center.

Dyron Murphy Architects made its initial presentation to the tribal membership regarding the assessment being done on the current Southern Ute Health Center, health programs and tribal demographics. The project for this assessment started back in October 2012. Dyron Murphy, working with the Southern Ute Tribal Planning Department, has finalized a timeline for the project that started roughly at the begin-

ning of January and is slated to end on June 27.

In the assessment, the firm will make recommendations to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on facility size, services and cost. The presentation shown gave attendees the opportunity to gather information on the status of the project currently.

The firm has completed data collection by interviewing tribal wellness programs, tribal health departments and focus groups and organizing feedback from the health surveys. They have begun to develop various building configurations for consideration if the tribe chooses to build a new building or expand the current clinic.

Data collected by Dyron Murphy included the population count for enrolled tribal members as of August 2012, Health Center data for fiscal year 2011 for all clinical departments, and the age distribution of patients who have used the clinic since Oct. 1, 2011. The consultants provided population projections for both Southern Ute tribal members and other U.S. Indian Health Service-eligible receivers (including descendants) up until the year 2032.

One frequent question asked about the health surveys was regarding the definition of a wellness center. Dyron Murphy received input from providers, the Tribal Member Health

Committee and community focus groups that suggested the definition “was very different between groups and opinions were deeply entrenched,” according to consultant Jim Houser.

The definition they chose to use is “a facility which provides a broad range of health-related services to promote physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health for Native American clientele.”

Interviews conducted with tribal wellness programs yielded a wide variety of responses.

“The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program should be part of the medical clinic,” one respondent said.

“More mental health and counseling services

are needed. There is a lack of funding for these programs,” answered another.

One sentiment was virtually universal: “Wellness components already exist and are easily accessible, and ... a project that is focused on expanding medical services would be more constructive or beneficial.”

Interviews with the tribal health programs indicated that “there is absolutely no privacy or confidentiality in the existing clinic, which is a violation of HIPAA laws. These deficiencies occur throughout the clinic in every department and are not procedural issues, but are a result of lack of space.”

Many providers stated their preference for a new facility to be more than a health

center — one that should integrate health and wellness. The consultants concurred that from the slim number of surveys received so far, the data seems to be consistent across the board: Potential changes identified include better doctors, a change in pharmacy staff, more accessibility to the eye clinic and dental services, and better appointment availability.

Dyron Murphy is scheduled to make another tribal member presentation in mid-May. Until then, the Tribal Council encourages everyone to fill out a survey and return it the Tribal Planning Department.

For more information on the presentation results, call Tribal Planning at 970-563-0100.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

# Tribal health

**Part 3:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is currently reviewing options and making plans for the future of the tribal health care system. The Drum will highlight tribal health care between now and the April 11 general meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE General meeting

Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Events Center • 9 a.m. April 11

## A primer on CHRs

*‘Giving, caring, offering’ are primary roles, manager says*

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

You’ve probably heard of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s “CHR,” but what do they really do?

Community health representatives are employees of the tribe’s Health Services Division, which is housed under the Tribal Health Department. Among the services the division’s seven staff members provide are medication delivery, transportation to and from medical facilities, and home vis-

its.

Health Services offers home visits in two ways: In some circumstances, staff members will make visits themselves. Other times — for example, if a client’s needs are more intense or they require around-the-clock care — the division sends Visiting Angels, a contracted, Durango-based company. Visiting Angels provides home health care, medication monitoring, companionship, house care and meal preparation,

**Health Services page 4**

## Shining Mountain aims to improve health

By Beth Santistevan  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

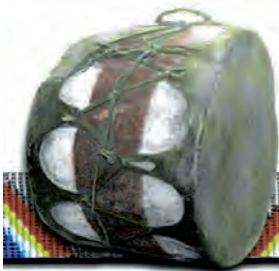
With diabetes affecting so many Native Americans today, many tribes have programs in place to help control, manage or prevent it.

The prevalence of diabetes among Native Americans in the United States is 12.2 percent for those over 19 years of age. Complications from diabetes are major causes of death and health problems in most Native American populations.

In 1998, the Shining Mountain Diabetes Wellness Program started on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The program is funded by a grant from the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, a program of the U.S. Indian Health Service. The \$150 million grant program provides funds for diabetes treatment and prevention to 404 IHS, tribal and urban Indian health programs across the United States.

According to the IHS  
**Diabetes page 6**





## NEWS IN BRIEF

### AG DIVISION TAKING SPRING PRODUCE ORDERS

Some of you have asked about more potatoes, beans and flour, and the Southern Ute Agriculture Division is going to make it happen. We thought it would be a wonderful idea to offer these items again this spring and will hand out order forms at the general meeting on April 11. Be sure to mark your calendars, and we hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend the meeting, we will be taking orders through April 19. We will take orders for pinto and Anasazi beans from Adobe Milling out of Dove Creek; Red Rose, White Rose and Blue Bird flour along with unroasted blue cornmeal out of Cortez Milling; and russet potatoes from Alamosa. Unfortunately, at this time of year the red and gold potatoes are unavailable. Call us at 970-563-0220 or stop by and place your order. For prices, see the flyer below.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL LAUNCHES HEATH CENTER SURVEY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member feedback on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. The tribe mailed out a survey early in February with nine questions about what tribal members would like to see from their Health Center in the future, including whether the facility should be primarily a health clinic, a wellness center, or a hybrid of both. The survey is also available online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey). For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email [mgomez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mgomez@southernute-nsn.gov).

### AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

### TWO-DAY LAND EKG RANGELAND MONITORING SCHOOL

May 14-15 in Laramie, Wyo. Hands-on training for range managers ready to start a monitoring program that will help direct management decisions, improve animal performance and rangeland conditions. This class is designed for any rancher or conservation manager seeking a rapid, repeatable monitoring program right away. The course begins with an introduction to land monitoring, forage production and grazing management, and spends the majority of time teaching participants the mechanics of setting up transects, using photography and documenting site information.

Day 1: Getting started. Redefining agriculture, tracking precipitation, grazing records, cages, and recovery pens, soil surveys, EKG grazing index, calculating forage production, beginning transect and photo point set-up. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Day 2: Getting practiced. Transects, transects and more transects! Record keeping, repeat photography, management direction and EKG DataStore. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Participants will leave this two-day EKG Blink course with the motivation, knowledge and well-practiced abilities to get their own monitoring program refined and/or up and running! Participants will leave with these materials:

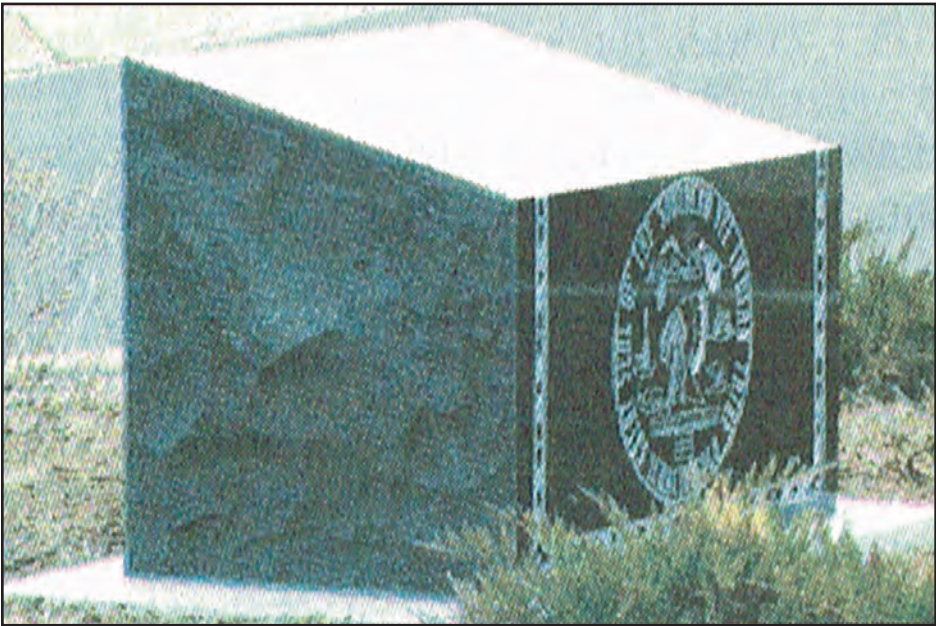
- 2013 EKG Blink & Site Mechanics Field Guide
- Permanent Location Forms
- EZ-EKG pocket field cards for quick land assessment
- Six-month trial subscription to EKG DataStore

For more information, contact Land EKG Inc. at 810 Mandeville Lane, Box 1 Suite B, Bozeman, MT 59715. Call 406-582-7480, email [office@landekg.com](mailto:office@landekg.com) or visit [www.landekg.com](http://www.landekg.com).

### FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

## MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Pictured is the Southern Ute Veterans Monument placed at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in Grand Junction.

This photo first appeared in the March 21, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



C. Naranjo/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

The Redskins captured the league tournament by defeating the Colorado Trading Company. Pictured (left to right): Trent Taylor, Travis Taylor, Lance Taylor, Duane Odoms, Alex Cloud, Shane Seibel, Adrian Lucero and Vince Mirabal. Valdez and Friends placed third in the tournament.

This photo first appeared in the March 19, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### 30 years ago



SU Drum archive

Miss NCAI Linda Baker, upon returning from a trip to Alaska, shared some photos she took of her trip.

This photo first appeared in the March 25, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### Haul of the week



courtesy Lisa Olguin

Young Zane Olguin caught this 20-inch brown trout in the Pine River. Photo submitted by Lisa Olguin.

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER

#### PRODUCE

#### APRIL 2013

##### Beans:

###### Pinto

2# --- \$2.00

4# --- \$3.00

10# -- \$7.00

20# -- \$15.00

50# -- \$33.00

###### Anasazi

1# --- \$1.50

10# -- \$10.00

20# -- \$19.00

50# -- \$48.00

##### Potatoes:

**Sorry - Red & Gold Potatoes Not Available in the Spring!**

###### Russet Potatoes

5# --- \$1.00

10# -- \$1.50

50# -- \$7.00

Bakers 50# Box -- \$8.00

##### Flour:

###### Red Rose (Unbleached)

5# --- \$2.25

10# -- \$4.00

25# -- \$9.25

50# -- \$18.00

###### White Rose

5# --- \$2.25

10# -- \$4.00

25# -- \$9.25

50# -- \$18.00

###### Blue Bird

5# --- \$2.50

10# -- \$4.50

20# -- \$7.25

50# -- \$18.00

###### Blue Corn Meal - Unroasted

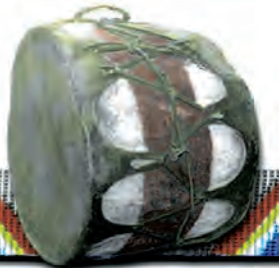
3# --- \$2.25

### Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please send your letter of intent to the following address:

SCSYAC  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137





A lunch date with the chairman



photos Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. takes time out of his schedule to eat lunch with the students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The group discussed family life, hunting and video games while enjoying salad and enchiladas. Newton has expressed a desire to serve as a role model to younger tribal members.

Members of the lunch group (left to right): Newton, Lakota Two Crow, Ocean Hunter, Nathaniel Howe, Myles Bentley, Ebonee Gomez and Cameron Heintz.



Tradition in the kitchen



photos courtesy SU Education Dept.

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a bread- and chili-making class Saturday, March 9 at the Education Center. A total of 10 tribal members attended and learned to make chili, tortillas and frybread for Indian tacos.



The tribal members in attendance reported being happy with the class and requested more classes on food.

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURAL DEPT. SPRING EVENTS

The following are spring events hosted by the Southern Ute Cultural Department (at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum unless otherwise noted). Meals or snacks and beverages are provided at each class. Call 970-563-0100 ext. 3620 to sign up; classes fill fast.

March

**22:** Spring Blessing of Buildings & Vehicles.  
**26, 28:** Traditional Bustle Making with Travis Black Bird. 5:30-8 p.m.; small classroom. Limit six.  
**27:** Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.  
**27:** Breastplate Class. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; craft room. Limit 10.  
**31:** Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.

April

**3, 10, 17, 24:** Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.  
**4:** A Night of Round Dance. 5:30-9 p.m.; multipurpose room.  
**7, 14, 21:** Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.  
**9, 11:** Vest-making Class with Jennifer GoodTracks. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom. Limit 10. Must know how to sew.  
**19:** Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.  
**19:** Growler Class with Hanley Frost. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; craft room. Limit 10.

May

**1, 8, 15:** Ute 103 with Dr. Givon, Mary Inez and Alden Naranjo. 5:30-7:30 p.m.; small classroom.  
**2, 9:** Shawl Making. 5:30-8:30 p.m.; small classroom. Limit eight.  
**5, 12:** Children & Families Ute Class with Crystal Ivey. 2-4 p.m.; small classroom.  
**7, 14, 16:** Roach-making Class. 5:30-8 p.m.; craft room. Limit eight.  
**10:** Elders Lunch. Noon-2 p.m. Movie TBA.  
**24:** Ute Nation Day & Bear Dance Kickoff Lunch. Bear Dance Grounds.  
**24, 25:** Bear Dance Powwow. Sky Ute Fairgrounds.  
**24-27:** Southern Ute Bear Dance. Bear Dance Grounds. Chief Matthew Box.

Additionally, join us every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to work on craft projects. Space will be provided in the small classroom. Please bring your supplies to work on your projects. Coming in April: A garden project led by Marge Borst.

CLOTHING PATTERNS

Are you interested in making a ribbon shirt, jingle dress or pair of moccasins for the fast-approaching powwow season and upcoming Bear Dance? The Cultural Department has recently purchased patterns to make men's plains ribbon shirts; breechclout and leggings; plains-style moccasins (adult and children); women's tradcloth, regular cloth dress and jingle dresses; child's ribbon shirts; and jingle dresses. Interested tribal members are encouraged to contact Marge Barry at the Cultural Department at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306, or email mbarry@

southernute-nsn.gov to make arrangements to obtain the pattern of your choice.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is looking for six contemporary and traditional Native American artists from the Four Corners region to participate in the Art Leadership Program. This is a grant project in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution. Selected artists will work with the SUCCM staff and conduct research at local museums, present art talks, receive professional management training, and lead a youth public art project. Requirements- Native artists well qualified to research Native objects in museum and other collections, document their work, and network at the local institutional level. Application deadline is March 30. Contact Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-0100 ext. 3607 (nstrongelk@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information and application.

FUNDRAISER MARCH 30

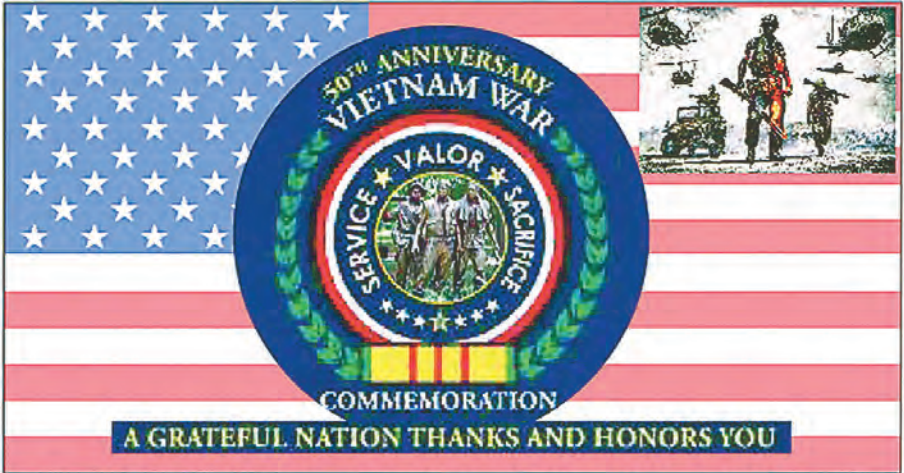
Come enjoy some yummy elk stew and frybread at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum and help with our fundraising efforts. We will be having these luncheons in conjunction with the Old Spanish Trail lectures. Our first luncheon will be Saturday, March 30 and our Old Spanish Trail lecturer will be Dr. Jim Jefferson Southern Ute Elder, the following Saturday we will have Otis Half Moon of the National Park Service lecturing. We will also have staff on hand to be doing some drumming and singing.

FAIR THEME & ARTWORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2013 Southern Ute Fair for all Ute members. ALL medias of art will be accepted until March 29 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Selected artwork will be featured on ALL items involved with the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork. Submit to the Southern Ute Cultural Department at P.O. Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

SEEKING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving "participatory action research." The committee will meet at the beginning and the end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.



Doóalkaii (Upper Fruitland) Vietnam Veterans

with the Episcopal Church in the Navajoland sponsoring

Vietnam Veterans Remembrance  
“Honor Walk” and “Bike Run”

(A Welcome Home for the Vietnam Veterans that they never received)

Honor Walk – March 25 to March 30, 2013

Gathering at 0700 Hours – Leaving at 0800 Hours  
from Thoreau, NM to Farmington, NM to Upper Fruitland (Walter Collins Gym)

Bike Run – March 30, 2013

Gathering at 0800 Hours – Leaving at 0900 Hours  
from Prewitt/Baca Chapter House to Thoreau to  
Farmington (Northern Edge Casino) to Upper Fruitland (Walter Collins Gym)

**Lunch provided for Participants & Veterans at noon on March 30th.  
Gourd Dance and Entertainment following lunch.**

For more info on Honor Walk call:

Mike D. Bekis 505-330-9966, Sam Sage 505-360-2090 or Cornelia 505-960-2526

For more info for Bike Run call: ONez 505-870-0833 or MDC 505-320-3112

INVITATION TO ATTEND

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NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 7 - 9, 2013  
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Mention: “Native American Fish and Wildlife Society”  
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FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Contact:  
Norman Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494  
Joe Jojola, Co-Coordinator – (505) 563-3408

A NAFWS SOUTHWEST REGION PROMOTION





### Kids Fair targets bullying



On Thursday, March 14, The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted its 12th annual Kids Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The fair featured departments from across the tribal organization and community members. The theme of this year's fair was "Stop Bullying."



The Los Pinos Fire Department wowed the Southern Ute Montessori Indian School kids with a debut appearance from their Dalmatian mascot, nicknamed Sparky.

### SUCAP Youth Services presents

## SPRING BREAK COLLEGE TRIP

### NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA 2013

Tuesday, 4/2 - Saturday, 4/6

Any High School Soph-Seniors may apply

**\$100 per person**

Contact SUCAP Youth Services for scholarships opportunities.

#### TRIP DESTINATIONS

*Institute of American Indian Arts, University of New Mexico, Northern Arizona University, Prescott College, Community College of choice, other technical schools suggested by YOU, Exclusive Outdoor Adventure Day, Hiking & Climbing Sedona, Red Rocks, Lava Tube Night Exploration, other Evening Recreation Activities, Albuquerque, Sedona, Flagstaff, Prescott, Santa Fe*

Pick up an application at IHS front office, SUCAP or Teen Center. Must register with completed application by Friday, 3/27. Adult representative must attend mandatory meeting prior to trip.

### Diabetes & Health Education

#### Winter to Spring Series

**12 – 1 at Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility**  
(Conference Room)

**Thursdays @ 12-1**  
**March 7 - April 25**

Classes are Free & Family Members are Welcome

You may attend any or all of the classes – no need to enroll... just show up!

Refreshments will be served

\*Participants who attend 5 out of the 8 sessions will receive a free gift after series completed

Please contact with questions:  
Julie Olexa 563-4741  
jolexa@southern-ute.nsn.us  
Kim Heintzman 563-0100 ext 2342  
Amber Doughty 563-0100 ext 2344

(topics may be subject to change based on attendee requests & staffing)

#### Shining Mountain Diabetes Program & Southern Ute Health Center

Activate your Health & Wellness

Please join us for an 8-week series on topics related to health, diabetes, pre-diabetes, and prevention! We will have a variety of health professionals to share information & answer questions.

**March 7, 2013:**  
Diabetes Survival Skills & Pre-Diabetes

**March 14, 2013:**  
Standards of Care & Prevention of Complications

**March 21, 2013:**  
Nutrition and Diabetes

**March 28, 2013:**  
Kidney Health & Blood Pressure

**April 4, 2013:**  
Medications & Insulin...Part I

**April 11, 2013:**  
Medications & Insulin...Part II

**April 18, 2013:**  
Stress, Depression, & Mental Health

**April 25, 2013:**  
Physical Activity... Moving to Stay Healthy

### HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION • FROM PAGE 1

among other things.

On the other end of the age spectrum, the division also works with children. It hosted on Thursday, March 14 the 12th annual Kids Fair, an event featuring various organizations and efforts geared toward youth. This year's theme was "Stop Bullying."

Tribal member Lisa Burch Frost, head of the Health Services Division since last November, said she was excited to see the good messages being shared with the local kids.

"This year's Kids Fair was very rewarding, and it was great to see all the departments build a positive and educational team effort," she said.

Burch Frost she enjoys the nature of the division's work. She views it as a way to "give

**"Health care for me is giving to another, caring for another."**

— Lisa Burch Frost, Health Services manager

back" to tribal members, she said.

"I'd like to give back to the tribe for the education they gave me," she said. "Health care for me is giving to another, caring for another."

Burch Frost said it's the Native American way: "You always try and give."

"Giving and caring

and offering — spiritually, that's where it's at," she said. "I want to make things brighter, bigger, and offer the services to the tribal members and the IHS-eligible clients."

The division wants to hear from tribal members about what services they'd like to see, she said. Some items under consideration are prenatal care, mammograms and treatment for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, she said.

"I want the membership to be happy. I want them to utilize our services here," she said. "I'm doing the best that I can to make this department run at the needs of the tribal membership."

To contact the Tribal Health Division, call 970-563-0100 ext. 2343.

LET US SERVE YOU... (970) 563-0154

Southern Ute Health Services Department promotes, supports and assists the Tribal Health Department in delivering health care to the tribal community and IHS eligibility clients.

The CHR (Community Health Representatives) strives to meet the needs of Tribal members, Native Americans, Descendants and IHS Eligibility clients of the Southern Ute Reservation and local areas.

If you are interested in utilizing the services, a 24-hour request is required for the following:

- Medical appointments to and from
- Medication delivery
- Dialysis Transportation
- Diabetes Treatments
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#### EASTER CLOSURE

The SunUte Community Center will be closed for Easter Sunday on March 31. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, April 1 at 6 a.m.

#### TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose

of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

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FUTURE OF IGNACIO SCHOOLS • FROM PAGE 1

a school will impact its students' ability and motivation to learn, according to John B. Lyons of the U.S. Department of Education. Lyons explored the relationship in 2001 in an article titled "Do School Facilities Really Impact a Child's Education?"

Fuschetto played a major roll in evaluating, planning and pushing for new schools. But he said the district has been looking at the project since before he signed on four years ago.

"A strategic planning committee was developed to gather information from the community to start what is now the project of the new schools," he said.

Fuschetto and the Ignacio School Board sought bonds and grants to fund the new construction. It wasn't an

easy road, Fuschetto said, but the town voted in November 2011 to approve the bonds, which will be paid over the next 20 years.

The district also received a \$2.5 million grant from the Colorado Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance's BEST Grant Program.

While designing the new facilities, the planning committee emphasized the need for schools built to last. For instance, geothermal flooring will be installed in the elementary school, which is energy efficient and will promote sustainable facilities, Fuschetto said.

La Titia Taylor, director of the Southern Ute Education Department, has sat in on several planning meetings and

worked with Fuschetto over the past four years. She said she's proud to be a part of the new face of the Ignacio schools.

"Dr. Fuschetto has only been the superintendent for a few years now, and he already has new schools being built," she said. "I anticipate within 10 years or less we are going to be the school to look at as the trendsetters for what is succeeding in public schools."

The tribe has made significant donations through the Growth Fund on the system that delivers drinking water to the schools.

"The relationship we have built over the past four years is evident in students doing better, and we will continue to nurture and build our relationship with the Ignacio schools," Taylor said.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



**IZABELLA HOWE**  
My name is Izabella Howe. I attend Ignacio Intermediate School, where I am a sixth-grader. My favorite subjects in school are math and language arts. My parents are Marquetta and Walter Howe. I like participating in sports. In addition, I want to be a basketball player. I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for the month of March because I'm a good role model.

**Comments:** I would like to thank my parents and friends for helping me.

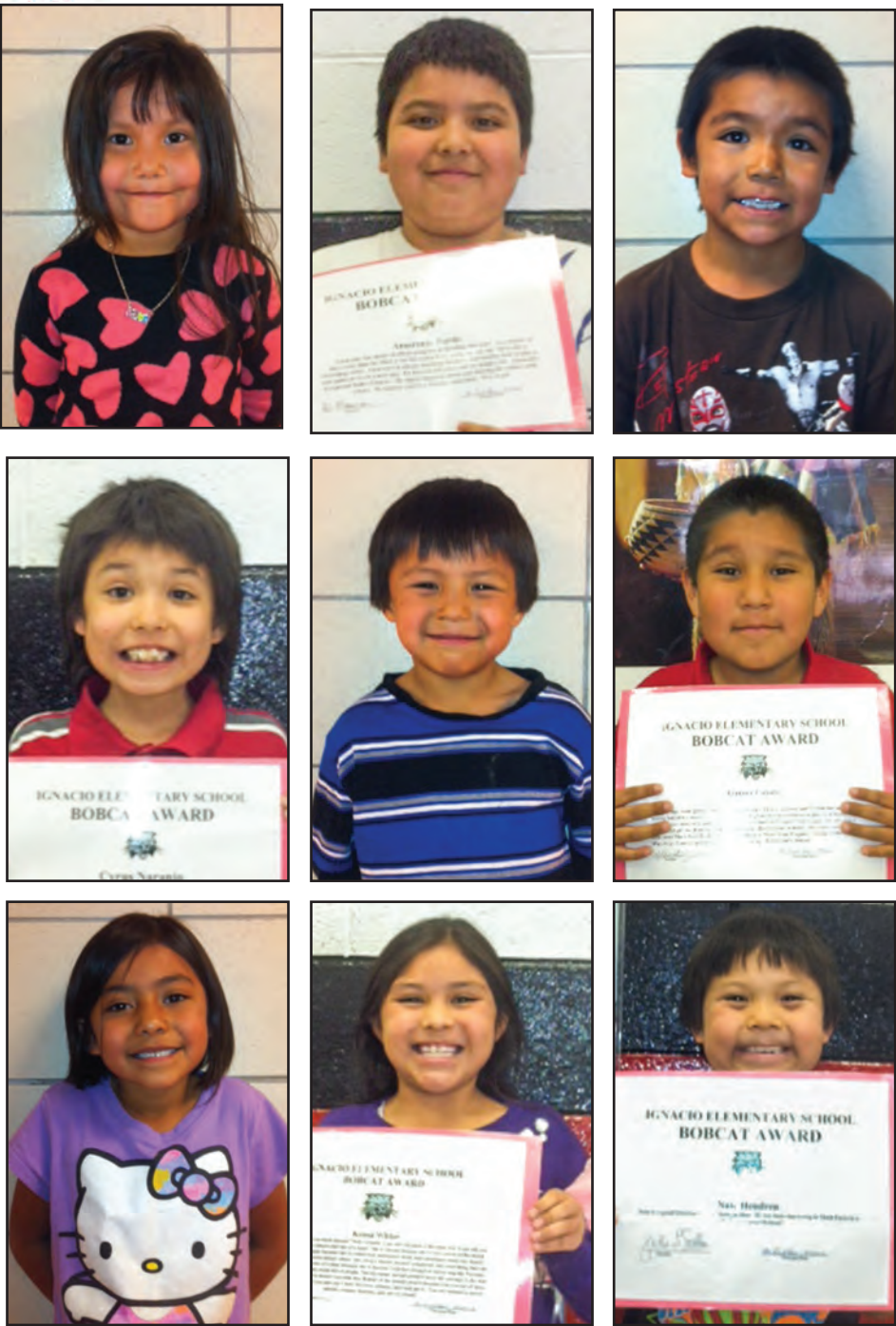


**AMARANTE PARDO**  
My name is Amarante Pardo. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a third-grader. My favorite subjects in school are math and writing poems. My parents are Heather and Arnulfo Pardo Jr. I like participating in sports, powwows and the Boys & Girls Club. In addition, I want to be a policeman for the Southern Ute Tribe. I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for the month of March because I went up in my reading levels. I am participating more in class and being a leader.

**Comments:** I am very proud of the accomplishments I have made and will continue to work hard. Thank you for choosing me as the Southern Ute student of the month.

photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

BOBCATS OF THE MONTH



photos courtesy Ignacio Elementary School

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Amaira Brown-Watts, Amarante Pardo, Bruce Wilson-Baker, Cyrus Naranjo, Dewayne Hendren, Gunner Coyote, Kaylee Balatchu, Keona Whitey, Nate Hendren and Samarah Olguin.



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EDUCATION UPDATE

**JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building. For more information, call the Education Department at 563-0237 ext. 2793.

**BGC BOARD MEETINGS**  
The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe meets the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Call Melinda Englert at 970-563-0100 ext. 2663 for more information.

**SIX MONTHS EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**  
The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

**GED TEST DATES**  
The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming month: April 5. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna

Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at [www.GEDcomputer.com](http://www.GEDcomputer.com). The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details. **The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

**ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING APPLICATIONS**  
The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.



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**DIABETES • FROM PAGE 1**

website, SDPI has dramatically changed the diabetes landscape across the Indian health system. In its 13, SDPI has increased diabetes and prevention services across Indian health care more than 30 percent in some areas. In 1997, access to physical activity specialists was 8 percent across Indian health care facilities; in 2010, that number increased to 74 percent.

Julie Olexa, health educator for the program, says they usually have around 22 people attending each class and roughly 100 people in program all together.

"Anyone is welcome is join the program," she said. "We invite people any time of the year, even if you want to just come by and get some questions answered."

Olexa said outreach to the community is important for the success of the program.

"We participate in community walks, we are on the radio every week, we have a bi-monthly newsletters as well as the informational classes," she said.

Olexa pointed out any member of the community is welcome to receive the newsletter; they just need to call to get their name on the mailing list.

Tribal member Lynette Sage says she is considering joining the program after attending the informational classes.

"I wanted to gain awareness about diabetes, because I know it's a hereditary disease and I've seen the devastation it can cause families," she said.

Olexa said among the most popular programs Shining Mountain provides are the individualized dieting and fitness sessions. These programs are available to members at the SunUte Community Center, and staffers can make home visits as well.

"We try to teach people that are in the program about healthy eating habits," Olexa said. "We take the foods that they like and teach them to cook those foods in a healthier way and combine them with other foods like vegetables and fruits."

Sage says she has changed the way she eats since she has taken an interest in the program.

"I watch what I eat and exercise. I've lost weight and I feel more positive and energetic. It truly is a lifestyle change," she said. "It's easier to pick up a cupcake than it is to eat hummus, but it takes dedication and it becomes natural — and my habits reflect on my children."

Olexa says she would like to see the community as a whole embrace health and wellness with extensive community coordination efforts, such as a well-like path for cycling and walking.

"Outdoor activities are a positive addition to any community," she said, adding more healthy places to eat in Ignacio would be ideal. "There aren't too many healthy places to eat here in Ignacio, and I think that is key to getting people to think about the food choices they make."

Congress approved the grant through 2014 and Shining Mountain Diabetes said it would continue to apply for the grant as long as it's offered. For more information on the program and its services, call Julie Olexa at 970-563-4741.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Alaska House approves 'Vietnam Veterans Day'**

**HB 67 Sets Aside March 29 Annually to Honor Servicemen and Women**

**Staff report**  
**HOUSE MAJORITY PRESS**

*Editor's note: The following is reprinted at the request of Veterans Service Officer Rod Grove.*

A bill marking March 29 of every year as "Vietnam Veterans Day" is heading to the Alaska Senate after winning unanimous passage Feb. 13 in the House.

House Bill 67, sponsored by Joint Veterans Caucus Co-chair Steve Thompson, R-Fairbanks, is meant to honor Vietnam veterans on the anniversary of the U.S. Armed Forces' withdrawal from South Vietnam.

"The bravery and sacrifice of our Vietnam vets will be officially recognized with the passage of this bill," Thompson said. "It is time that we identify with our Vietnam vets and help with the healing over that tremendous war and times. This March 29 marks the 40th anniversary of our troops' withdrawal from Vietnam. More than 58,000 gave their lives in service to our Nation and this bill is just one more way we can honor them."

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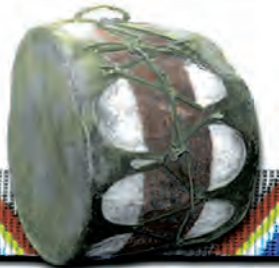
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IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Girls 0-for-Pueblo

IHS still ends as 2A's eighth-best

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With the action unfolding before him on Harry H. Simmons Court, it seemed odd — and likely annoying, to the mass of fans from La Plata County — that the Massari Arena announcer often couldn't manage to properly pronounce Michelle Simmons' last name.

There is no relation between the Ignacio senior and the CSU-Pueblo floor's namesake, and to the Lady Bobcat there also seemed no problem; she simply gave the mouthpiece as many opportunities as possible March 14-15 to get it right.

But unfortunately for Simmons and team, there would be no Saturday — the decisive day of the 2013 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships — showing; top-ranked Akron dealt the Lady Bobcats a 60-39 defeat in the "Great Eight," and Sangre de Cristo followed with an eliminating 54-45 verdict in the next morning's consolation-round semifinals.

"There was a lot of tears in the locker room after, of course, from everybody — especially the seniors," head coach Justa Whitt said. "But you know what? They had an amazing, amazing run at Ignacio High School all the way — the time they were freshmen up 'til now — and I couldn't be more proud of how well they have worked together and fought hard."

As it turned out, the Day 2 loss to the Mosca-based Lady Thunderbirds almost came by an identical score to the last

time IHS (then 3A) competed at State: a 56-44 loss to La Junta back in 2003.

"I am very proud," said sophomore Sky Cotton, who scored five points against SDC but fouled out with 0:16 left. "Nobody has been able to do this in a decade, and it's just amazing to be up here."

"I don't think any of us wanted to go out with regrets, knowing we could have tried or worked harder," said Simmons, a 14-point, 10-rebound output capping her career. "So just going and giving it our all — even if it means losing — that's what we wanted to do."

GREAT EIGHT, MARCH 14 — IGNACIO 39, AKRON 60

There's a weapon known worldwide by the two-letter prefix of its make/model information: "AK."

Folks in Washington County often attach the letters R-O-N—pronounced "run," as in enemies' common reactions to coming under fire. And unfortunately for La Plata County residents, Ignacio's was not all that different.

"We were kind of nervous," senior forward Valerie Armstrong said. "We kind of had a little fear in us, but we all had to ... overcome it."

But by the time they did — after a solid, and winning (16 to 12) third quarter — the Lady Cats had already been shell-shocked by the 1-seed Lady Rams' first-quarter assault, and AHS quickly killed any hopes IHS had.

"I thought practice was great

yesterday," said Whitt, referring to the previous day's run-throughs held at 4A Pueblo South H.S. "But, you know, coming into this kind of atmosphere that they've never been in before. ... This is a big deal."

"So I know some of that factored into the first part of the game — the nerves and the jitteriness," she said. "And that Akron team is good, definitely good."

Senior Mariah Vigil paced IHS with her ten points, Simmons registered nine (5-of-10 FT), and Armstrong eight (with two treys). Ignacio trailed 38-18 at the half — Pam Cotton's lone basket, in the second, was nearly overlooked by the official scorekeeper — and 50-34 after three, with Sky Cotton (6 pts) fouling out with 6:33 left in the fourth trying to stop Vasquez (6-of-7 herself at the stripe).

CONSOLATION SEMIFINALS, MARCH 15 — SANGRE DE CRISTO 54, IGNACIO 45

With 5-seed Peyton prevailing — more like surviving, given a combined foul count reaching 50 — over No. 4 SDC in the G-8's late game, a Pine River-San Luis encounter in the consolation-bracket semifinals the next morning was arranged.

But "T-bird" proved a commanding word early on, as Sangre took a 13-6 lead after a quarter behind senior guard Kathryn New's first four points and seven from sophomore forward Abbey Stagner.

"From what we saw last night ... I didn't expect that



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio seniors Michelle Simmons (left) and Mariah Vigil share a long-awaited celebratory squeeze inside Durango High's DemonDome on March 9 after the Lady Bobcats downed Paonia's Lady Eagles in the Class 2A-Region III Tournament's championship game. The victory locked IHS into its first CHSAA State Championships "Great Eight" in 10 years.

at all, her being an outside shooter," Whitt said. "So kudos to her for that. And their team played a much more disciplined game than last night — and we warned the girls that was probably going to happen."

A long Stagner baseline jumper put SDC up 19-9, and despite a Pam Cotton trey — cutting Sangre's lead to 21-12 — touching off a solid individual effort, the 8-seed trailed 27-14 at halftime as New added four more points (she totaled 14) and substitute Heather Dieckman sank an unexpected three.

"I kind of gave a little chewing at halftime. ... Felt that was the only way to get them fired up, and it did work," Whitt said. "To make a comeback like that and fight to the end: That's all I could ask for."

A debated foul called against Pam Cotton gave Sangre's Jessica Gilmore (8 points)

a free throw with no time left in the third, upping the Lady Thunderbirds' lead to 40-23 with just eight minutes left. And though IHS began confidently with a layup by Vigil (5 points), Dieckman answered with another trey.

Thankfully for the Lady Cats it would be her last, and Simmons had seen just about enough.

"I think it was last weekend I had said 'Either I'm going to get a charge or I'm going to get a foul,'" she said, "and that's how it was today: I'm not stopping."

A forceful drive cut the margin down to 43-31, and even when Cloe Seibel (2 points) fouled out with 4:43 left, Sangre's Karleigh Cooley (3 pts) failed to hit either intentional-foul FT. Finishing her last game with 10 points, four boards and three blocks, Pam Cotton canned a three to bring IHS back to 47-38.

"We have a love for the

game. All we want to do is just play ball," explained Sky Cotton of her sister's drive. "If it means helping out our team and sacrificing ourselves, our energy, then we'll do it."

A Simmons FT with 1:25 left made the score 48-40, and Armstrong (9 points) nailed a three to make it 49-43, but two freebies each by Kendra Neese (6 pts) and Allie Beiriger (8 pts) in the last 30 seconds brought about the end for the Lady Bobcats.

"Our season was mainly about making memories, you know? They always stress to us 'This is the last time you're going to play together,' this and that. And I don't think it really hit us until regionals, that it's now or never," Simmons said of the team's 16-9 final standing. "I think just knowing it's our last time — that's what's taken us this far. And that's why we're going to have amazing memories."

IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

March misfire: Boys out in regionals

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It wasn't unexpected that he credited his performance to a higher power.

For whether or not guard James Willis and his fellow Lutheran Lions actually absorbed boss Ryan Bredow's pregame philosophies, he believed their day's instructions truly came from The Boss.

Giving supporters down from the Metro Area a glimpse of hoops heaven, while putting Bobcat backers

through a layer of hell inside Durango's DemonDome, the sophomore's sudden 15-point fourth quarter almost single-handedly offset Ignacio's 20-2 third, while giving Parker, Colo.-based LHS the necessary inspiration to spring a 52-46 surprise in the 2A-Region III finale March 9.

"It was pretty tough," IHS guard Wyatt Hayes said. "We could have beat 'em, but we just let momentum slip."

"We had an unfortunate fourth quarter," head coach Chris Valdez said. "You can't

win games without winning the fourth quarter. ... We're a three-and-a-half-quarter team right now."

Behind junior forward Kelt on Richmond, who scored Ignacio's first points in the period with just 3:20 remaining — and Lutheran's aforementioned rush having produced a 39-36 lead — the Cats were able to put together something of a closing kick and play the Lions almost evenly to the game's final whistle.

But with Hayes watched as though by hawks at point-

blank range, and posts Addison Jones (6 points) and Justin Carver (9 pts) slowed by fouls and LHS' abundance of size, only Richmond seemed able to sneak through and netted three close-range buckets.

Having polished off Paonia (10-13) the evening before, 66-49 in the semifinals, it appeared the Bobcats would have at least two more — at the State Championships, March 14-16.

Lutheran, however, brought the energy that kept themselves afloat.

The Lions strung together nine points unchecked to begin, and got another morale boost when Carver was hit with his fourth personal foul.

Richmond (15 points) went to the free-throw line to try to get Ignacio on the board with 5:57 left, but missed the front end of a 1-and-1. Forty-two ticks later, Willis (19 pts) drilled a three to cut IHS' lead down to just 36-35.

A layup by 6-foot-4 soph Josh Clausen (13 pts) gave LHS the lead, and 6-foot-4 senior Taylor Murphy (7 pts) added an early exclamation point with a breakaway two-pointer before Richmond's hoop with only an even 200 seconds potentially remaining in the 2012-13 campaign.

"I think we got frustrated," forward Austin Haire said. "It ended up costing us the game."

Though Richmond and ju-

nior guard Clayton Jefferson (2 points) would each net one last bucket, victory was assured for LHS when Carver fouled out with 0:29 left and Hayes eleven ticks later.

Junior reserve Reilly Carew hit 1-of-2 at the stripe upon Hayes' departure, and Clausen did the same with just four seconds left to dump salt into the Bobcats' collective wound.

"We just didn't score when we needed to," Richmond said.

"I'll take the blame on that," Valdez said afterwards, re-entering a relatively silent — despite a strong 19-6 final record — gymnasium to finish packing up until November. "I'm excited for the opportunity we have in the future."

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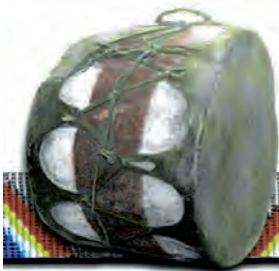
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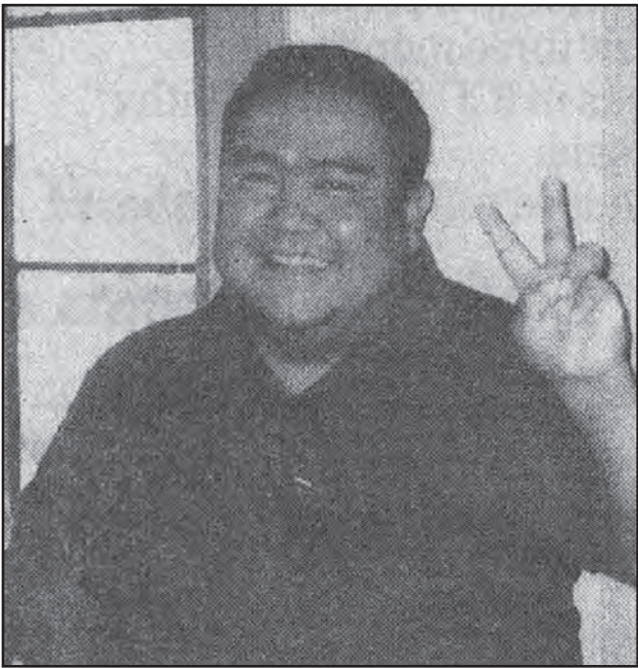
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...our goal was always the same — to protect the environment in Indian Country. We had great respect for one another, and we always treated each other with kindness but also with directness and honesty. We didn’t always agree, but we listened to each other. I couldn’t have asked for a better colleague, friend, and fellow protector of the environment.

If we ever get the Tribal Air Rule approved, I will tell Mike, “We fillally did it.” I know he will be pleased, but he will also think in his mind, “It’s about damn time.”

At Mike’s service the priest gave a very appropriate message about how environmental work — protecting the air, water and land — is very close to God’s work, and that we who remain here must carry on this work; and that we are very privileged to do so, because it is a sacred duty. I can’t say it as well as he did, but I took much strength and encouragement from those words because they were so eloquently stated and because it is true.

We don’t often stop to acknowledge that. At the service there were also some beautiful traditional songs sung for Mike to send him to the spirit world. The blending of the two traditions is what characterized Mike for me, a true professional and trailblazer in the EPA world and a leader in his tribe as the director of Environmental Programs at Southern Ute



and a tribal member who did great things for his tribe that will be remembered by many. Mike accomplished much in his very short life here with us. We will miss our friend and colleague, Mike Frost.

By Sadie Hoskie

On January 18, 1998, those of us involved in tribal environmental issues lost a good friend and an enthusiastic and talented educator when Mike Frost, director of Environmental Programs for the Southern Ute Tribe, passed away. ... In an article published days before his untimely passing, Mike described his role: “I see myself as one of the people in the tribe that has to go out and fight for grants and environmental programs for Indian Country.”

Mike was instrumental in bringing about and developing the American Indian Air Quality Training Program at the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. He helped develop and refine

the curriculum and was an outstanding instructor. Mike was also a motivating force in developing tribal air programs throughout Indian Country, and he was unselfish in his contributions to tribal environmental protection. In the words of a colleague, Mike was “...a great person, a devout supporter of our ways and most of all a friend to Indian people coast to coast.”

Another colleague commented, “He inspired me to have patience in developing our tribe’s Air Quality Program. I want my staff to understand that it takes perseverance, and it’s a lesson we must all learn.”

We at ITEP dedicate our 1998 workshops to Mike’s memory in the hope that we can work even harder for the protection of the environment. We believe this is exactly what Mike would expect of us.

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant

Operated by Southern Ute Utilities, a division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzcan.

OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT

We are pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we, the Southern Ute Tribe, deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

SOURCE WATER OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River. At the time of this publication, Vallecito Lake is expected to stay full throughout the coming irrigation season with slightly higher releases downstream, leaving us with the excellent quality of water that we have been used to in years past. The higher quality river water, together with a modern Water Treatment Plant will assure even higher quality to all of our consumers.

WATER TESTING REQUIRED EACH YEAR BY THE E.P.A.

The Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water. This monitoring is performed according to Federal and State laws. These tests are required for any public drinking water supply providing water to communities by the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) The tests are very thorough and cover just about any pollutant that occurs in nature or had been created by man. The tests range from **bacteriological tests** for spores like Giardia Lamblia that can cause severe diarrhea; tests for **radioactive contaminants** from erosion of natural soil deposits; **inorganic contaminant tests** for metals such as copper, cyanide; **synthetic organic contaminants** such as herbicides like “Round-up” and pesticides like “Raid”; **volatile organic contaminants** from man-made chemicals such as gasoline, carbon tetrachloride (an old household cleaning agent) and factory discharges.

ABOUT THE TESTS

The attached table shows the results of the Southern Ute Tribe’s monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The Southern Ute Tribe is proud to announce again this year that the water that our customers receive from the Tribe’s Water Plant is very safe continuing its longstanding record of zero violations of the E.P.A.s quality requirements since 1985.

Please look at the third column on the table below, which shows the letter “N” which means that there were no violations for all of the tests that were performed on every page.

VOLUNTARY FLUORIDE PROGRAM

Not only is the water safe, but it also has a measured amount of Fluoride added to it to reduce Dental Carries (cavities) in any users who drink the water. Fluoride acts

on teeth much like Calcium in bones to make them stronger, especially in young children. This is an added cost of about \$4,500 per year to the Tribe.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provides the same protection for public health. In the attached table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we’ve provided the following definitions:

- *Non-detects (ND)*: Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- *P/A*: presence or absence of coliform bacteria.
- *Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)*: one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- *Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter*: one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- *Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)*: one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- *Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)*: one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- *Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)*: picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- *Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)*: million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers longer than 10 micrometers.
- *Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)*: nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- *Action Level*: the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
- *Treatment Technique (TT)* (mandatory language): A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- *Maximum Contaminant Level* (mandatory language): The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- *Maximum Contaminant Level Goal* (mandatory language): The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NO VIOLATIONS OCCURRED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE TESTING PARAMETERS FOR THE SOUTHERN UTE WATER SUPPLY in 2012.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING WATER

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally

occurring or man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

NITRATE

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider. The Tribe’s Nitrate level tested at 0.1 parts per million. You do not need to worry about Nitrate in the water received from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

LEAD

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Southern Ute Water Treatment is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When you water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

IMMUNO-COMPROMISED PERSONS

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general public. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water.

MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe drinking Water Hotline above.

Please call our Utilities Office if you have any questions about your domestic water or our operation, you may ask for Hayes Briskey or Kelly Jesse. The phone number of the Utilities Division where these persons can be reached is (970) 563-5500. We do provide tours for individuals or groups (school classes) who would like to understand more about our water system.

Membership memories



courtesy Stanley Frost

This photo was taken in October 1975 at what was then the shooting range south of Ignacio, just north of the junction of County Roads 321 and 322. It shows the very first pistol match that took place at the range. Not only did officers of the Southern Ute Police Department participate, but colleagues from the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation, New Mexico State Police and San Juan County (N.M.) Sheriff’s Office also competed.

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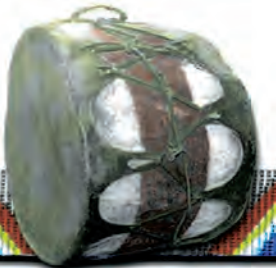
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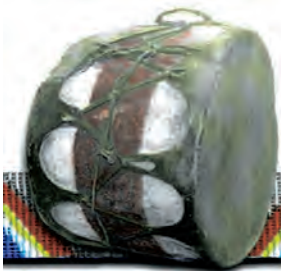
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Contaminant	Sample date	Violation?	Level detect.	Units	MCLG	MCL	Likely source of contamination
Microbiological contaminants							
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	2/month	N	Absent	P/A	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
2. Fecal coliform and E.coli	N/A	N	Not tested because absent in above test	P/A	0	A routine sample & repeat sample are total coliform positive, & one is also fecal coliform or E.coli positive	Human and animal fecal waste
3. Turbidity Percent of readings below MCL	Continuous	N	100	NTU	N/A	TT	Soil runoff
Radioactive contaminants							
4. Beta/photon emitters	11/03	N	ND	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
5. Alpha emitters	11/06	N	1.44	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Combined radium	Not required			pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic contaminants							
7. Antimony	2/05	N	<.0005	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
8. Arsenic	10/08	N	<.0005	ppb	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
9. Asbestos	8/12	N	<0.19	MFL	7	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
10. Barium	2/05	N	0.0412	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
11. Beryllium	2/05	N	<.0005	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
12. Cadmium	2/05	N	<.00005	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
13. Chromium	2/05	N	<.0048	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper - 90th Percentile Action Level exceeding	16/12	N	0.126	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
15. Cyanide	7/12	N	<0.005	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	7/12	N	0.70	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead - 90th percentile Action Level	06/12	N	.0121	ppm	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
18. Mercury (inorganic)	2/05	N	<.0002	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
19. Nitrate/Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	8/12	N	ND	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
20. Selenium	2/05	N	<.0135	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
21. Thallium	2/05	N	<.00005	ppb	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
Synthetic organic contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides							
22. 2,4-D	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
23. 2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	50	50	Residue of banned herbicide
24. Acrylamide	Not required			N/A	0	TT	Added to water during sewage/wastewater treatment
25. Alachlor	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	0	2	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
26. Atrazine	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
27. Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH)	6/11	N	<0.02	nanograms/1	0	200	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
28. Carbofuran	6/11	N	<0.9	ppb	40	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
29. Chlordane	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	0	2	Residue of banned termiticide
30. Dalapon	6/11	N	<1.0	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
31. Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	6/11	N	<0.6	ppb	400	400	Discharge from chemical factories
32. Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	6/11	N	<0.6	ppb	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
33. Dibromochloropropane	6/11	N	<0.01	ppt	0	200	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
34. Dinoseb	10/5	N	<0.1	ppb	7	7	Runoff from herbicide use on soybeans and vegetables
35. Diquat	6/11	N	<0.4	ppb	20	20	Runoff from herbicide use
36. Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	10/05	N	ND	ppq	0	30	Emissions from waste incineration and other combustion; discharge from chemical factories
37. Endothall	6/11	N	<9.0	ppb	100	100	Runoff from herbicide use
38. Endrin	6/11	N	<0.01	ppb	2	2	Residue of banned insecticide
39. Epichlorohydrin	Not required			N/A	0	TT	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; an impurity of some water treatment chemicals
40. Ethylene dibromide	6/11	N	<0.01	ppt	0	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries
41. Glyphosate	6/11	N	<6.0	ppb	700	700	Runoff from herbicide use
42. Heptachlor	6/11	N	<.04	ppt	0	400	Residue of banned termiticide
43. Heptachlor epoxide	6/11	N	<0.02	ppt	0	200	Breakdown of heptachlor
44. Hexachlorobenzene	6/11	N	<.1	ppb	0	1	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
45. Hexachlorocyclo-pentadiene	6/11	N	<.1	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
46. Lindane	6/11	N	<0.02	ppt	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
47. Methoxychlor	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	40	40	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
48. Oxamyl [Vydate]	6/11	N	<1.0	ppb	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
49. PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	6/11	N	ND	ppt	0	500	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
50. Pentachlorophenol	6/11	N	<0.04	ppb	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
51. Picloram	6/11	N	<0.1	ppb	500	500	Herbicide runoff
52. Simazine	6/11	N	<0.07	ppb	4	4	Herbicide runoff
53. Toxaphene	6/11	N	<1.0	ppb	0	3	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
Volatile organic contaminants							
54. Benzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
55. Carbon tetrachloride	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
56. Monochlorobenzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
57. o-Dichlorobenzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
58. p-Dichlorobenzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
59. 1,2 Dichloroethane	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
60. 1,1 – Dichloroethylene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
61. cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
62. trans – 1,2 –Dichloroethylene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
63. Dichloromethane	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
64. 1,2-Dichloropropane	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
65. Ethylbenzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
66. Styrene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
67. Tetrachloroethylene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
68. 1,2,4 –Trichlorobenzene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
69. 1,1,1 – Trichloroethane	7/12	N	<1	ppb	200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
70. 1,1,2 –Trichloroethane	7/12	N	<1	ppb	3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
71. Trichloroethylene	7/12	N	<1	ppb	0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
72. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	8/12	N	39.7	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
73. Toluene	6/12	N	<1	ppm	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
74. Vinyl Chloride	6/12	N	<1	ppb	0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from chemical factories
75. Xylenes	6/12	N	<3	ppm	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories





## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Ayona Maria Hight, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 2013-0005-CV-NC**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Ayona Maria Hight has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Ayana Maria Hight.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 29, 2013 at 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 27th day of February, 2013.**

**Maria Farmer, Court Clerk**

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Krista Waukene Red, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 13-0003-CV-NC**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krista Waukene Rangel. As of March 11, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Krista Waukene Rangel.

**Dated this 15th day of March, 2013.**

**Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### End of Trail Drive (SU 106) Road Improvement Project

#### OWNER:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Tribal Planning Department  
P. O. Box 737  
116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
(970) 563-4749

Separate sealed bids to provide design, engineering and construction management services for this road improvement project, located on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation in Ignacio, CO, will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, CO 81137 until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 12, and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. This project will be funded through Federal contracts, and is contingent upon contract awards. Pre-determined wages (Davis Bacon) will apply to this project. A **mandatory** pre-submittal meeting and site visit is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. **To receive a RFP Packet contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number above.** End of Trail Drive, is a short term project that is just east of the tribal campus and is a failing asphalt paved road which accesses the Ouray Memorial

Cemetery. The project is approximately .6 miles and the Tribe intends to reconstruct the road and existing parking and add some sidewalk and parking. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more information, contractors should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970.563.0117. For the purposes of this RFP, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe's TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor may be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### Grazing Permits on Tribal Units for 2013 Grazing Season

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is excepting applications for grazing permits on Tribal Range Units for the 2013 grazing season. The application deadline is Monday, April 8. Stocking rates are as follows:

<b>Archuleta Mesa</b> 103 animal units	<b>Kearns</b> 15 animal units	<b>Cat Creek</b> 43 animal units	<b>Vega</b> 60 animal units
<b>Archuleta Creek</b> 60 animal units	<b>Trail Canyon</b> 51 animal units	<b>Pump Canyon</b> 35 animal units	<b>Beef Canyon</b> 22 animal units
<b>Picnic Flats</b> 64 animal units	<b>Soda Springs</b> 24 animal units	<b>Sandoval</b> 60 animal units	<b>Coyote Gulch</b> 30 animal units
<b>Cinder Buttes</b> 45 animal units			

\*An animal unit is 1 cow/calf pair

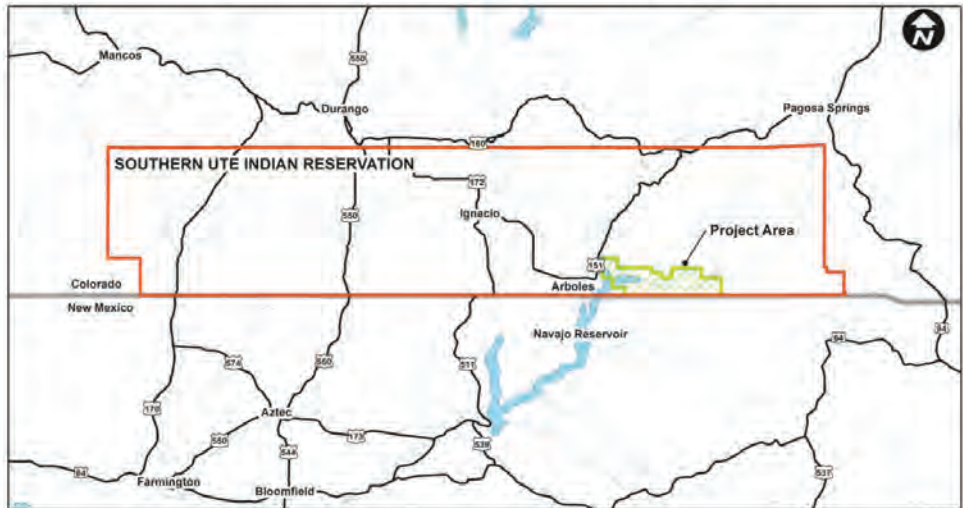
The 2013 grazing season begins June 1 of the calendar year. August 1 will be the official off date. This date will be initially set with the opportunity to extend, monthly, up to September 30 provided adequate forage is present to support sustainable use. To obtain an application please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range Division at 970-563-4780.

## NOTICE OF TRIBAL OUTREACH MEETING FOR PROPOSED NORTH CARRACAS NATURAL GAS RESOURCES PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) will conduct a Tribal Outreach meeting exclusively for members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on March 27, 2013 to present information regarding the proposed development of natural gas resources in the North Carracas area (see map below). The North Carracas Plan of Development contemplates the drilling of 48 Fruitland coal bed methane wells located on 18 well pads utilizing horizontal, vertical, and s-shaped drilling and completion techniques, one salt water disposal well, associated roads and pipelines, and a compressor facility. The North Carracas area of mutual interest (AMI) is an 18,123-acre parcel located east of the town of Arboles in southwest Archuleta County, Colorado within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The AMI consists of Tribal Trust, Indian-owned fee, United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), and non-Indian owned fee lands. The majority of surface disturbance will occur on non-Indian owned fee lands.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Tribal representatives will be available during the meeting to present information on the proposed action and its potential impacts. The meeting will be conducted in an informal poster-style format with brief PowerPoint presentations provided by the Tribe's Energy Department and their consultant, Ecosphere Environmental Services, at the beginning of the meeting, followed by an opportunity for participants to view other related materials and ask questions of technical personnel from BIA, BLM, and the Tribe that are involved in the consideration of this project.

Once completed, the draft Environmental Assessment for the project will be available for review by Tribal Members and the general public at the BLM Tres Rios Field Office and Ignacio Public Library or online at <http://www.sugf.com> when available. Written comments may be submitted during the 30-day public comment period. The Tribal Outreach meeting will be held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Event Center Banquet Rooms 1 and 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday March 27, 2013. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided during the meeting. Please call Lynn Woomer at (970) 764-6486 or Joey Herring at (505) 327-3088 with any questions regarding the meeting.



## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER

### Installation of speed hump and associated signs

Please be advised that due to safety concerns within area subdivisions, the Construction and Project Management Department has received approval from Tribal Council to move forward with the installation of speed humps and associated signs to address these concerns. Construction will commence late spring early summer. A Community meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Multi-

Purpose Facility to allow you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns. Dinner will be served. For meal planning purposes, please contact Jeannette Frost at 970-563-0138 or email [jfrost@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jfrost@southernute-nsn.gov).

The following subdivisions/roads will have speed humps installed: Shoshone Avenue; Northridge Drive; Ignacio Peak; Cedar Point; Mountain View Road (Powwow Circle); Sunset Meadows Drive.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### Boxing Commissioner Alternates

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently seeking two (2) Alternate Commissioners. This is for a two-year term; this is a paid commission. The commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are: Must be 21 years of age; Shall be of good character; Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty to any felony or boxing-related offenses. Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on April 9, 2013 to:

Southern Ute Boxing Commission  
PO Box 737-74  
Ignacio, CO 81137

Or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, chairman (970-563-0100 ext. 2239), or Hilda Burch, vice chair (970-563-4710 ext. 2722).

## VOLUNTEER SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED

### For Land Acquisition Team (LAT)

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has determined that a "team" composed of tribal staff and volunteer tribal members could better assist them in reviewing proposed land acquisitions to determine if they meet the necessary criteria pursuant to the Lands Consolidation Program. The primary goals and objectives of the proposed Land Acquisition Team will be to provide the Tribal Council with recommendations regarding the following items:

- Reviewing current Lands Consolidation processes/procedures for changes or revisions as needed;
- Acquiring fee or allotted land for the benefit of the tribe and its members;
- Determining whether acquired lands will be

placed into trust status;

- Reviewing historical acquisitions to determine when and if it is appropriate to proceed with the Fee to Trust process; and
- Identifying potential uses for and management of historical and new acquisitions.

Your volunteer participation on the proposed Land Acquisition Team is extremely important. We hope you will consider participating. Your contribution will be appreciated by the Tribal Council, staff, and membership for generations to come. Tribal-member participation is highly encouraged. Call 970-563-0126 or email [leburch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:leburch@southernute-nsn.gov) to sign up. The deadline to sign up is March 29 at 5 p.m.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Bruce Blanchard

**Job title:** Clinical supervision/Tribal Social Services

**Job duties:** Clinical supervision of caseworker and counseling staff. Oversees foster care providers and placements.

**Hobbies:** I like to hike, backpack, canoe and woodwork. Reading.

**Family:** My wife Nanette and I recently returned to the Four Corners area after living several years in the Albuquerque area.



### Kaylan Gardner

**Job title:** RN

**Job duties:** Staff RN of clinic duties.

**Hobbies:** Singing.

**Family:** Husband is also an RN; son graduating in May from high school.

## NOTICE • 30 DAY POSTING

### Availability of Tribal Land Homesite Assignment

Notice is hereby given to all eligible Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members interested in this Tribal Land Homesite Assignment. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources Lands Division. Please contact the Lands Division to view property 970-563-0126 ext. 2231.

**The available Tribal Land is described as follows:**

**Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., La Plata County, CO,  
Section 18: Lot 27A in the Cedar Point West Subdivision**

**Posting Date 03-05-2013; End Date 04-16-2013**

**Property located in the Cedar Point West Subdivision.**



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The selection for the attached Tribal Land assignment will be determined by a "Drawing". Any eligible Tribal Member interested in applying for this assignment will need to complete an application or request to apply for a homesite lease and will also submit a card with the following information: name, census #, and address. The cards will be reviewed by the Division to ensure that the Tribal Member's requesting a homesite assignment or homesite lease meet the eligibility requirements. **\*Per the Land Code, only Enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members eighteen years of age or older are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment.** Comments have been received regarding what Tribal Members view as "political decisions" being made concerning Tribal Property and use. A drawing would allow all applicants equal opportunity to apply and equal opportunity for selection. Neither staff nor Tribal Council would recommend or select the applicant. The "Luck of the Draw" would decide which applicant will be chosen to be the owner of a home and if \*eligible, the assignee. As soon as possible, after the 30-Day Posting Period has expired, a drawing date will be scheduled. A "primary name" and secondary name will be drawn. The secondary name will be drawn in case the primary Tribal Member declines the assignment any time after the drawing. The documents formalizing the assignment (if requested) will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. Tribal members wishing to submit comments or an objection over the assignment may do so by mail or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources Lands Division at 970-563-0126 ext. or PO. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the land available for assignment. **\*Per the Land Code, only Enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members eighteen years of age or older are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment.**



### Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

**Environmental, Health & Safety Corporate Manager – Aka Energy**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Durango, CO. Responsible for ensuring that Aka Energy operations comply with health, safety, and environmental policies, procedures, laws, regulations and permits to prevent detrimental incidents. Responsible for maintaining accurate, up-to-date knowledge of regulatory issues, assisting personnel in complying with regulations, managing Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) training, ensuring timely, accurate, and complete permit applications are prepared, and files documenting Aka Energy’s compliance in environmental, health, and safety areas are maintained. Reports on activity and programs as required.

**Environmental Planner I – Red Willow Production**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Ignacio, CO. Works under close supervision in performing specific environmental tasks, primarily related to air quality within the Environmental, Health and Safety Department. Assists senior EHS professionals in performing routine and clearly defined functions in all aspects of the environmental program, including permitting and regulatory analysis; working with other Departments on regulatory submittals and field responses, tracking of regulatory obligations, and implementing Best Management Practices in the field. Assists with compiling information for environmental performance and regulatory reports.

**Executive Vice President of Operations – Aka Energy**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Durango, CO or Tulsa, OK. Responsible for providing leadership and management of day-to-day operations activities at natural gas gathering, treating and processing facilities through supervision of individual facility managers. Responsible for achieving established P&L, safety, environmental, and operational goals.. Directs activities through assigned operations and other staff to achieve approved goals and objectives. Provides recommendations and reports. Authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval. Serves as company spokesperson in external relations as required. Works with other Aka Energy staff to identify and capture business opportunities. Provides administrative leadership to the Tulsa office and to field offices.

**Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, assignments and various documents to document and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, exploration agreements, joint operating agreements, and title opinions; maintains lease records database, including agreement stipulations for all operated and non-operated properties. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate lease and contract records. Assists with other land issues as needed; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

**Land Records Analyst III – Red Willow Production**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for analyzing and summarizing complex transactional documents including, but not limited to leases, joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, communitization agreements, and title opinions for all operated and non-operated properties in which Red Willow owns an economic interest. Works with Landmen to ensure accuracy/maintenance of both operated and non-operated contract summations, and works with other Land functions to ensure that all stipulations (i.e. turnkey, BPO/APO, BCP/ACP) involving interest changes are reflected correctly in database and other departments are notified in a timely manner. Monitors internal and external reports for lease and contract maintenance and to track well status and coordinate compliance of contract stipulations with Engineering, Accounting and Land.

**Director of Process Engineering – Aka Energy**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Tulsa, OK. Responsible for providing pipeline,

compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling, troubleshooting, efficiency studies, project development and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

**Gas Volume Analyst I – Red Willow Production**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
Ignacio, CO. Under the direction of the Gas Control Supervisor, monitors natural gas production volumes; nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/ statements; creates and distributes customers’ gas purchase invoices; enters daily gas sales and production data; maintains gathering and transportation contracts; controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances; works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes.

**Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering**  
Closing date 3/27/13  
Durango, CO. Responsible for operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer – Southern Ute Shared Services**  
Closing date 3/31/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the North America Payroll application with emphasis on the impact, implications, and functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

**Business Objects PeopleSoft Lead Architect – Southern Ute Shared Services**  
Closing date 3/31/13  
Ignacio, CO. Under the general direction of the Application Development Manager, the Lead Architect develops and oversee the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Objects Data Services toolset and Microsoft’s SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, maintains and develops reports and maintains SAP’s Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning, and Consolidation (BPC) systems, along with other source systems, such as PeopleSoft. The Lead Architect supports customers’ business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

**PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer – Southern Ute Shared Services**  
Closing date 3/31/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

**Local Area Network Administrator – Southern Ute Shared Services**  
Closing date 3/31/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for managing information systems, desktops, laptops, servers, routers, and other network appliances in a distributed environment to provide hardware and software support for Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS). Responsible for enterprise shared services network design and coordination of customer support.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.  
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE  
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

**Temporary Youth In Natural Resources Crew Leader**  
Closing date 3/25/13  
The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour.

**Construction Crew Leader**  
Closes 03/26/13  
Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients homes. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

**Youth Employment Aide (Temporary)**  
Closing date 3/28/13  
Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, assists in the planning, implementation, and supervision of activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This is a temporary, seasonal position working from May through August. Pay grade 12: \$11/hour.

**Administrative Assistant-Forestry/Range**  
Closing date 3/28/13  
Performs administrative, clerical and Information System support to the Forestry and Range Programs/Divisions. In addition, the incumbent will provide clerical and administrative support to the B.I.A. Forestry Branch. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour.

**Intern Auto Body Technician**  
Closing date 4/2/13  
Southern Ute Tribal Members or Local Native Americans only. This is an intern position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn about the Auto Body Technician role to determine what

area he/she might be interested in pursuing. The internship will include being exposed to the various job duties of the role and learning basic skills to assist and perform the job duties. This six-month position is at pay grade 12: \$11/hour.

**Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member (Temporary)**  
Closing date 4/22/13  
Enrolled Native youth only. This is a temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a 4 man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management. Pay grade 11: \$10/hour.

**General Positions (Temporary)**  
Temporary assignments can be needed in a variety of work areas: administrative and clerical duties; grounds and maintenance labor; snow removal; construction work; equipment operators. Temporary positions can last up to six months and do not earn vacation pay or sick leave. Applying for Temporary General Positions will allow your application to be considered as positions come available.

**TEAM Jobs Programs (Temporary)**  
Closing date 9/29/13  
Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM JOBS positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Indian Preference Employer • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) • \*21 years or older

**Baker-Willows\***  
Closing date 3/22/13

**Barista-Willows Bistro**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Bartender-Seven Rivers (Part Time)\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Cocktail Server-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Fine Dining Busser-Seven Rivers**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Fine Dining Expeditor-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Fine Dining Host/Hostess-Seven Rivers**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Fine Dining Server-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Host/Hostess-Willows**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Lead Line Cook-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Line Cook-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Pantry Cook/Baker-Willows**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Restaurant Supervisor-Seven Rivers\***  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Server-Willows**  
Closing date 3/28/13

**Cosmetologist (On Call)**  
Closing date 3/28/13

### SUCCM – Job announcements

970-563-9583 • 77 County Road 517 • P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo. 81137 • [info@succm.org](mailto:info@succm.org)

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is hiring for a part-time Museum Technician to begin in April. We are looking for a team player that

can potentially function in multiple departments depending on the need. Willing to perform a variety of duties specific to the department assigned.

### TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117 ext. 2294 • Laura Sanchez, Career Developer  
Job descriptions and applications can be picked up from TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

**Valet parking attendant – Sky Ute Casino**  
Closing date 3/27/13  
American Valet. Must be at least 21 years old; have a High School Diploma or GED; able to drive a manual transmission; able to stand for entire shift; have a flexible schedule

to accommodate business; able to pass a background check and drug test; have a clean driving record (No more than 2 moving violations in a 39 month period); and able to abide by a strict dress code. TERO Preference will be enforced, however, all may apply.

### Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacio.k12.co.us](http://www.ignacio.k12.co.us)

**Native American studies teacher**  
Open until filled

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

#### Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has three Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member, or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian

Powwow Committee is to nurture and promote the positive image of the Southern Ute Tribe. All interested individuals are to submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building by March 29.

### FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members. Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

Call Peter Dietrich at 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information.

### 6th St. Hair Salon

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Regis Salon @ Durango Mall  
970-259-4344

### Rose Mirabal

Cosmetologist

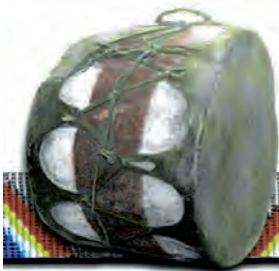
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505-326-4188





In an effort to promote tourism to the Southern Ute Reservation, the Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted a crew from the Japanese television network TV Niigata on March 8 and 9. They crew was also treated to a private tour of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum with Acting Executive Director Nathan Strong Elk (center) and Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. (second from right). The show will air Sunday, March 31 to nearly 80,000 households in Tokyo.



Newton gives an on-camera interview to the three-person crew.



Cloud (left) and Strong Elk (right) thank one of the TV crew members with a blanket. The crew will produce a segment on TV Niigata's "Backpacker" program.

# Japanese TV features Ignacio

Photos by Beth Santistevan  
SU Tribal Council



The crew met Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud (second from left), elder Eddie Box Jr. (third), Vice Chairman James M. Olguin (fourth), Betty Box (fifth), Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr. (sixth) and Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum Acting Executive Director Nathan Strong Elk (eighth) for breakfast on Saturday, March 9.

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Council using tech to work smarter

By Beth Santistevan  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Long gone are the days of masses of people with notebooks and pens, paperback books and a binder full of paperwork.

Now a typical day at the office means lap tops, iPads and electronic notebooks. In 2013, technology is a major force to be reckoned with when trying to get business done and communicate efficiently and effectively — and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its Tribal Council are no different.

As technology becomes increasingly integrated into all aspects of society, it provides the potential to do things more quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively. The potential benefits of technology-based business practices are substantial.

By being a leader in Indian Country, the tribe and council have embraced the move into technology by utilizing tools to make meetings more efficient. Vice Chairman James M. Olguin has been working diligently with tribal departments and the administration to implement an electronic change, which he believes will take the Tribal Council business practices out of the paper-and-pen age.

By April 1, the tribal government will have gone completely electronic with the implementation of electronic packets submitted to Tribal Council for review.

"The Tribal Council is on board with the electronic submissions, which is a huge step into taking our business practice to the next level," Olguin said. "It increases efficiencies for council to review their documents anywhere and any time."

Additionally, the Tribal Council is supplied with laptops that dock directly with a mon-

itor and a keyboard for office use.

"The council utilizes laptops instead of traditional desktops now," said Mick Souder, director of the Management Information Services Department. "The laptops sync with their desk monitors and keyboards, which allows them to use their laptops like desktops."

According to Olguin, this change has been a long time coming. While working for Sky Ute Sand and Gravel in 2004, he said he encountered business processes and technology growing at a rapid rate.

After leaving Sky Ute Sand and Gravel to run for Council in 2010, the first thing he noticed was a desktop and a laptop in his office. He also noticed that his version of Outlook, which supplies the email and the calendar software, was very outdated.

"I was having a difficult time finding what I needed, then I noticed the version was still a 2003 version and I had already advanced to 2010," he said. "The technology with council hadn't advanced since I left from council in 2003."

From there, Olguin said he looked into shared files that the council could access and, after finding disorganization and unnecessary documents in the folders, he decided things needed to change.

"When Pearl [Casias] was the chairman, she was on board with developing this process for council," he said. "I teamed up with Sunshine Flores, our office manager, and we created a database so it would be easier for council to access documents electronically."

Olguin said it wasn't just a solo project. He teamed up with the recording secretaries to come up with a template for submitting electronic docu-

ments.

The test department was Natural Resources. He had them start submitting documents electronically, and when the feedback came back positive, the decision to proceed forward was official.

Olguin said the council is implementing new ideas so that it can still conduct business while being gone.

"Departments no longer have to make 11 copies for presentation to council," he said. "Web conferencing also allows us to participate in tribal business while out of the office."

Olguin commended other council members for bringing new ideas of efficient business practices to the forefront.

"Councilwoman [Ramona Y.] Eagle was instrumental in bringing the consent agenda forward. Because no questions or comments on these items are required, this procedure saves time."

The consent agenda enables the council to group routine items and resolutions under one packet and approve them through one vote.

Olguin believes the electronic change has benefited the membership in more ways than one. He lauded the recording secretaries and the office manager for their expedient service of the minutes.

"Some of the complaints in the past is people were reading the minutes too late, and they were old. Now, in some cases, I'm signing minutes the same day the meetings occur," he said. "Depending on the mail system, tribal members are getting their information quicker."

Olguin also said the council is pushing the departments to ask themselves more relevant questions before coming before the council so they can provide a wider range of options for council members to choose from.

Departments are also required to turn in complete packets before the council even looks at them.

"If the packet is not complete, it is sent back to that department for correction before it comes to council," Olguin said. "This holds the department accountable for getting their items approved in a timely manner."

Olguin reiterated the importance of keeping up with technology for effective business practices, from the electronic calendar to the application process — which is done completely online now.

"I think this charge needs to continue moving forward despite who is in office," he said. "We need to step up and become part of the technology world and embrace that."

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe General meeting agenda

Sky Ute Casino Resort  
April 11, 2013

9 a.m. Roll Call  
9:05 a.m. Call to Order  
9:10 a.m. Invocation  
9:15 a.m. Approval of Agenda  
9:20 a.m. Welcome Address by Chairman Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.

Tribal Council Remarks/Chairman  
Remarks  
9:45 a.m. Health Department Update, Mr. Kaylor Shemberger  
10:15 a.m. Break  
10:25 a.m. Health Department Continued  
12 p.m. Lunch  
Public Announcements  
CFO Update, Mr. Brian Zink  
Credit  
Fiscal 2012 Audit Summary

1:30 p.m. Casino Update, Mr. Charley Flagg  
Aspen Room  
Upcoming Events  
Permanent Fund Update, Mr. Steve R. Herrera & Ms. Amy Barry  
2 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Break  
2:45 p.m. Question & Answer Session  
4 p.m. Adjourn

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 22



Mostly sunny 50°F

Saturday, March 23



Mostly sunny 40°F

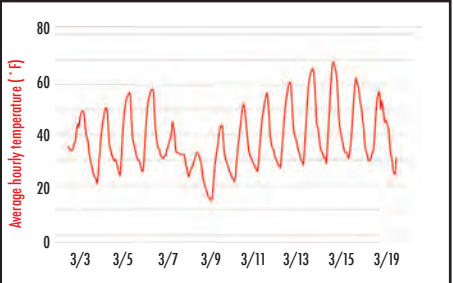
Sunday, March 24



Mostly sunny 47°F

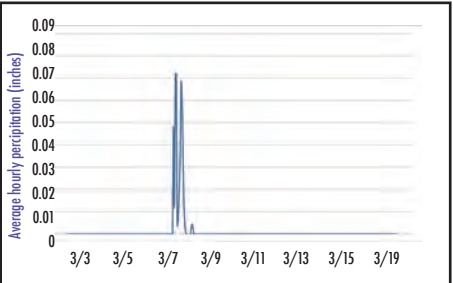


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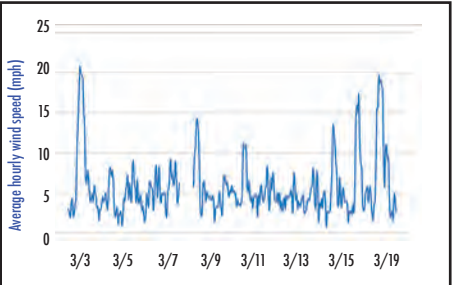
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High 68.9°  
Low 13.9°  
Average 38.5°  
Average last year 38.9°



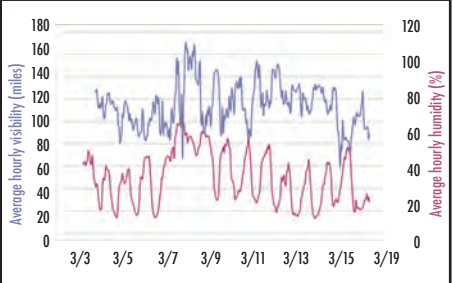
#### Precipitation

Total 0.46"  
Total last year 0.00"



#### Wind speed

Average 5.6  
Minimum 0.7  
Maximum 20.7



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 114.3  
Average humidity 49.9%

Air quality  
Good



Community Meeting  
March 26, 2013  
at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Building

Attention:  
Tribal Members

For more information  
you can contact the  
Construction and  
Project Management  
Department at (970)  
563-0138

Due to safety concerns Construction and Project Management will be installing speed humps in the following subdivisions/roads:

- Shoshone Avenue
- Northridge Drive
- Ignacio Peak
- Cedar Point
- Mountain View Road (Pow Wow Circle)
- Sunset Meadows Drive

Maps will be provided for your review. This is the time to ask question and voice any concerns about the placement of the speed humps. Your input is needed and appreciated. A dinner will be provided.